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a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: APR 1 6 2001 As

residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent

sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR SEPARATING AND COLLECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent, design or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, design or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed for the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35. Direct states application is not disclosed in the prior listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the manufacture of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the manufacture of each of the claims of this application in the manufacture of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the manufacture of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the manufacture of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the prior listed States application is not disclosed in the prior listed States application in the United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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